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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) Out of 355 admissions in all, Scheduled Caste admissions number 21."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" May I know the number of backward community candidates and women candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The main question relates to Scheduled Castes, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" May I know what amount is levied by the authorities of medical institutions as caution deposit from the Harijan students this year? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Promulgation of orders under section 41 of the City Police Act near Assembly buildings.

* 1082-C Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that orders under section 41 of the City Police Act, Madras, have recently been promulgated by the Commissioner of Police in the area surrounding the Assembly buildings in Madras City; and if so, the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" An order under section 41 of the Madras City Police Act prohibiting processions, etc., passed by the Commissioner of Police and applicable to the whole of the City is already in force. The Commissioner of Police had good reasons to believe that attempts might be made by certain individuals and organizations to stage demonstrations in thoroughfares and areas that adjoin the Assembly buildings while the Legislature is in session. With a view to maintain public peace which would be endangered by demonstrations and counter-demonstrations of rival sections, the Commissioner made the order under section 41 referred to in the question. The decorum and the orderly proceedings of the House must be protected from disturbance. No new restrictions were placed on the public; the object of passing a separate order was specially to invite the attention of the public to the necessity for a strict compliance with the order in the areas specified during the session of the Legislative Assembly."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know whether the Police Commissioner obtained the previous order of the Government to promulgate this order? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know whether the Government are against peaceful demonstrations as well? "

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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Round about the Assembly, Sir."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether the Government have given instructions to the Police officers to use tear gas and lathis freely? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No tear gas was used and no lathi charge was made round about the Assembly."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know whether the order was issued under the orders of the Government or whether the police took the initiative in the matter? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Chief Minister has already answered the question."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Police Commissioner asked for instructions or whether the Government took the initiative to give instructions to the Police Commissioner in this respect? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Further enquiry into the matter is not desirable. I have already stated that the Government issued previous instructions."

SRI C. PULLA REDDI :—" May I know how many times this section has been applied to the approaches of the Assembly buildings, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am afraid, as long as there is no permanent law to maintain peace round about the Assembly, we will have to use it many, many times."

Supply of periodicals and journals to libraries.[a]

*1006 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Government orders are in vogue regulating the supply of periodicals and journals to Government libraries and free reading rooms run by local boards and municipalities;

(*b*) whether any periodicals or journals are prohibited from such libraries and free reading rooms; and

(*c*) if so, what are their names and the reasons for their prohibition?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Is it a fact that even when representations were made for the supply of periodicals to certain reading rooms and libraries under Government and municipalities, certain periodicals belonging to the Opposition parties were rejected by the Government? "

[a] Starred question postponed from the list for 24th July 1958.